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LETTER TO THE PATENT OFFICE

This letter is in response to the Office action dated June 3, 2004.

Reconsideration is requested of the rejection of claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, and 16 of U.S. Patent No. 6,656,928.

As discussed in greater detail in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, "[i]n determining whether a statutory basis for double patenting rejection exists, the question to be asked is: Is the same invention being claimed twice? 35 U.S.C. 101 prevents two patents from issuing on the same invention. 'Same Invention' means *identical* subject matter." MPEP 804 (emphasis added).

In the present application, claims 1-10 require that the composition be in the form of a gel. In contrast, claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, and 16 of the '928 patent are open to other forms of the composition, e.g., a lotion or a cream.

In the present application, claims 1-10 require that the composition contain calamine. In contrast, claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, and 16 of the '928 patent are open to other drying agents.

In the present application, claims 1-10 require that the composition contain (1) a mid- or high-potency corticosteroid, and (2) an imidazole anti-fungal agent. In contrast, claims 4 and 5 of the '928 patent require that a mid-potency corticosteroid and claims 8 and 10 of the '928 patent require that the anti-fungal agent be an imidazole anti-fungal agent, but none of claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, and 16 of the '928 patent require both.

In summary, claims 1-10 of the present application are not claiming **identical** subject matter. Thus, a statutory double patenting rejection is not proper.

CONCLUSION

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